(a) What is the year-wise value of export of meat made during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that a demand to ban the export of meat has been made to the Government;

(c) if so, whether Government are going to consider it seriously; and

(d) If not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Export of meat of all types from India during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Value (Rs. Crores)
1996-97	692.74
1997-98	794.42
1998-99*	771.91

(SOURCE: DGCI&S, Calcutta) * Provisional

(b) Yes, Sir,

(c) and (d) Government has considered the requests to ban export of meat and meat products from India. The meat exports of India amount to only about 4% of meat production in the country. The livelihood of a sizeable number of people is connected with the meat industry involving rearing and slaughtering of animals and meat processing. As such, a ban on meat export may result in unemployment as well as loss of foreign exchange earnings. Moreover, unproductive animals will not be tended and thereby become carriers of livestock diseases affecting productive cattle and milk production. Such unproductive animals will also require to be fed, thus depriving healthy productive animals of the care that would need.

Export of Fruits and Vegetables from Himachal Pradesh

6. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names and quantity of fruit and vegetable items exported from Himachal Pradesh during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99; itemwise;

(b) the countries to which these items were exported and the foreign exchange earned on this account; and

(c) how these items compare with those of other countries quality wise and price wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The Central Government maintains export data for the country as a whole and not State wise.

Industrial Estate for Food Processing Units in Maharashtra

7. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority propose to set up an industrial estate for food processing units in Maharashtra for boosting exports of such products;

(b) if so, the reaction of Maharashtra Government thereto; and

(c) the grants proposed to given in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Export of Tea

8. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA" Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tea export is likely to register about 25 per cent growth rate this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to take measures for preventing further fall in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No Sir.